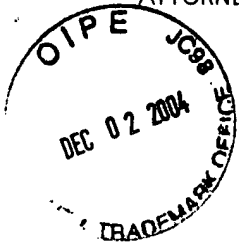




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**Art Unit 1634**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/741,664; Filed: December 21, 2000  
For: **Stable Compositions for Nucleic Acid Amplification and Sequencing**  
Inventors: Rashtchian *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.3910003/BJD/SAC

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5. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(1); and
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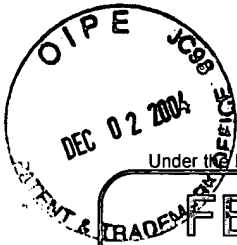
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